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### **PSC TO HOLD ON-THE-RECORD IN CASE REVIEWING RELAY MISSOURI SURCHARGE**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an on-the-record presentation on **April 25, 2005**, to receive additional information in a case reviewing the Relay Missouri surcharge. **The on-the-record presentation is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street) in Jefferson City.**

The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the presentation should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 as soon as possible.

Relay Missouri provides telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech disabled. Specially trained communication assistants translate calls so that deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech disabled individuals can communicate with any other party.

The Missouri General Assembly established Relay Missouri in 1990. Under state law, the Commission is required to review the surcharge at least every two years, but not more than on an annual basis. The review is to ascertain that necessary funds are available for the provision of the program.

On March 29, 2005, the Commission opened a case to review the current surcharge that appears on the monthly telephone bills of Missourians to fund Relay Missouri. The current monthly surcharge of \$0.10 per line, was established in 2003.

According to information filed by the PSC Staff, the Relay Missouri fund is projected to be depleted by April 2006 if the surcharge remains at \$0.10. Staff has recommended the surcharge be increased to \$0.15 in order to adequately fund the program for next year. The on-the-record presentation will give the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions regarding the PSC Staff recommendation.